

FIRST FAMILIES

OF

HARRISON

COUNTY

OHIO

**APPLICATION
FIRST FAMILIES OF HARRISON COUNTY, OHIO**

Applicant's Name _____
Please type or print in black ink

Address _____
Street Town State Zip code

Telephone () _____ **E-mail** _____

Name of Husband or Wife _____

This application must be used when applying. No other form will be accepted.

ANCESTORS OF THE APPLICANT WHO WERE IN HARRISON COUNTY BY DECEMBER 31, 1830

Name of Ancestor	Year First Proved in Harrison Co.	Proof Number
1. _____		
2. _____		
3. _____		
4. _____		
5. _____		
6. _____		
7. _____		
8. _____		
9. _____		

HCGS USE ONLY

NUMBER _____

Date application received _____

Date Accepted _____

Application Fee Paid _____

Committee Chair

HCGS Current Dues Paid _____

Committee Member

HCGS President _____

Committee Member

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

1. *Any current member* of the Harrison County Genealogical Society who is a direct descendant of an individual who settled in the area now encompassed by Harrison County, Ohio, *before December 31, 1830.*
2. Payment of the one time application fee of \$15.00.
3. Supplementary lines can be added later. You must be a member of the Harrison County Genealogical Society at that time.
4. Application deadline each year is September 1 beginning with 2007 application.
5. Application with full documentation must be accepted by the First Families Committee.
6. **A page listing *all numbered documents* must be attached to the application. The numbers must be placed on the lines in the application as indicated.**
7. Document Listing:
Give volume, author, and page(s) for book reference and include a copy or other facsimile copy of the pertinent pages of all published or unpublished records used for proof. (See Rules of Evidence)
8. Include an ancestral chart.
9. Please keep a copy of all parts of this application and documentation for your records.

This application, information, and all supporting documents and data becomes the property of the FIRST FAMILIES and THE HARRISON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, a Chapter of The Ohio Genealogical Society, Inc.

I _____ do hereby swear that the statements set

forth in this application are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of applicant _____ *Date* _____

PLEASE SEND APPLICATION TO:

Harrison County Genealogical Society
PO Box 301
Cadiz, OH 43907-9723

APPLICATION FORM REVISED 2007

FIRST FAMILIES OF HARRISON COUNTY, OHIO

Rules of Evidence

The Rules of Evidence apply to membership in the FIRST FAMILIES OF HARRISON COUNTY, OHIO. Following are the standards by which all HCGS applications are judged. *There are no exceptions.*

The nature and extent of the evidence submitted as proof in all applications shall be sufficient to prove that the applicant is directly descended from the FIRST ANCESTOR(S) named in the application. It shall be sufficient to differentiate between any two persons of the same name residing in the same area at the same time. Proof must be included to show residence in Harrison County, Ohio by December 31, 1830. Documentation must be provided for each generation listed.

Basic Rules

1. Primary or collateral evidence from vital statistics, courthouse, or other governmental records, school records, etc., usually are considered excellent proof.
2. Secondary evidence, such as census records, newspaper clippings, old letters, Bible or other family records (*Contemporary To The Facts Reported*) and with corroborating evidence are considered almost as authentic.
3. Circumstantial evidence such as implied facts or hearsay are *NOT* accepted as proof.
4. Oral, written, or published family traditions may be wrong and are *NOT* accepted as proof.
5. Printed or manuscript genealogies, genealogical records, or compilations, family group sheets and charts, family reunion records, and similar material are *NOT* considered proof. Unsupported information from an amateur or a professional genealogist is *NOT* acceptable, including such records printed in any genealogical, historical, or similar publication.
6. Lineage papers, accepted or unaccepted, from other patriotic or hereditary societies by themselves are *NOT* considered proof. The document copies which were used to prove the lineage *MIGHT be* considered proof for FIRST FAMILIES OF HARRISON COUNTY, OHIO, if they follow these rules.
7. Material authored by the applicant or a member of his or her family *CANNOT* be considered as proof.
8. Documents used as proof must either alone or in conjunction with other acceptable documents, must actually *STATE THE FACT TO BE PROVED*.
9. Land or tax records are acceptable only if they specify that the individual was a resident of Harrison County, Ohio, since many early landowners and speculators never lived in Ohio.
10. Female ancestors must be identified by their maiden names.
11. Illegitimacy is not grounds for denial.

12. A direct line from applicant to ancestor must be proved at each step, including the spouse in each generation. Collateral descent is not acceptable.
13. All proof documents must state their source. Proof is required for each date listed for both parents in each generation. Bible records must include a photo copy of the title page with the publication date and current owner's name and address.
14. Typed, handwritten, or printed copies of original documents must be certified as a "*TRUE COPY*" by a courthouse or other official, or a librarian, etc. An applicant or member of his or her family cannot certify a document as a "*TRUE COPY*". Photocopies of original documents are acceptable as copied if there are no changes on the original.
15. Married female applicants must include a copy of their marriage record to prove their change of name.
16. Photographs of tombstones are acceptable for proof of birth and death dates (when no birth or death record exists) and for relationships actually stated on the stone. Published compilations of tombstone readings are acceptable when the tombstone no longer exists, and if no additional information has been written that is not on the stone itself.
17. Deadline for application is *SEPTEMBER 1* for the year in which application is being made.

Remember A statement is not always true because it is printed.

Examples of Implied Proof Which Are Not Acceptable

1. Unnamed individuals specified in court records as "Heirs" or "Heirs-at-law" unless it is known that applicable laws at the time included only bloodline descendants.
2. Census records which show the name of the head of the family only, along with numbers of family members or others by age group, prove only the family head actually named. Next door or close neighbors on a census or tax record do not prove any relationship by themselves.
3. A father is not proved as being in an area just because his child was born there. The birth only proves the mother was there.
4. Blood descent is not necessarily proved by owning the same land as an earlier owner by the same name, whether the land was inherited or purchased.

GENERATIONS

1. I _____ was born on _____

at _____

City County State Proof No.

married _____ on _____

at _____

City County State Proof No.

2. I am the child of _____

Son or Daughter Proof No.

born on _____ at _____

City County State Proof No.

died on _____ at _____

City County State Proof No.

and _____ his wife

born on _____ at _____

City County State Proof No.

died on _____ at _____

City County State Proof No.

married on _____ at _____

City County State Proof No.

3. The said _____ was the _____

Son or Daughter Proof No.

of _____

born on _____ at _____

City County State Proof No.

died on _____ at _____

City County State Proof No.

and _____ his wife

born on _____ at _____

City County State Proof No.

died on _____ at _____

City County State Proof No.

married on _____ at _____

City County State Proof No.

4. The said _____ was the _____
Son or Daughter Proof No.

of _____

born on _____ at _____
City County State Proof No.

died on _____ at _____
City County State Proof No.

and _____ his wife

born on _____ at _____
City County State Proof No.

died on _____ at _____
City County State Proof No.

married on _____ at _____
City County State Proof No.

5. The said _____ was the _____
Son or Daughter Proof No.

of _____

born on _____ at _____
City County State Proof No.

died on _____ at _____
City County State Proof No.

and _____ his wife

born on _____ at _____
City County State Proof No.

died on _____ at _____
City County State Proof No.

married on _____ at _____
City County State Proof No.

6. The said _____ was the _____
Son or Daughter Proof No.

of _____

born on _____ at _____
City County State Proof No.

died on _____ at _____
City County State Proof No.

and _____ his wife

born on _____ at _____
City County State Proof No.

died on _____ at _____
City County State Proof No.

married on _____ at _____
City County State Proof No.

7. The said _____ was the _____
Son or Daughter Proof No.

of _____

born on _____ at _____
City County State Proof No.

died on _____ at _____
City County State Proof No.

and _____ his wife

born on _____ at _____
City County State Proof No.

died on _____ at _____
City County State Proof No.

married on _____ at _____
City County State Proof No.

8. The said _____ was the _____
Son or Daughter Proof No.

of _____

born on _____ at _____
City County State Proof No.

died on _____ at _____
City County State Proof No.

and _____ his wife

born on _____ at _____
City County State Proof No.

died on _____ at _____
City County State Proof No.

married on _____ at _____
City County State Proof No.

9. The said _____ was the _____
Son or Daughter Proof No.

of _____

born on _____ at _____
City CountyState Proof No.

died on _____ at _____
City CountyState Proof No.

and _____ his wife

born on _____ at _____
City County State Proof No.

died on _____ at _____
City County State Proof No.

married on _____ at _____
City County State Proof No.